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NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU COME, IT'S USELESS.
16TH REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS
SAME APPLIES TO THE OTHER REGIMENTS. IT'S ALREADY BEEN DECIDED.
MECHANICAL SOLDIERS WILL BE REMOVED COMPLETELY FROM THIS REGIMENT FOR THE UPCOMING RESTRUCTURING.
FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR FAMILY, STOP RUNNING AROUND SHOWING OFF YOUR SOLDIERS.
YES.
SO YOU'RE TELLING ME TO JUST GIVE UP?
WHY DON'T YOU JUST PULL OUT AND GO HOME JUNEBRIDE?

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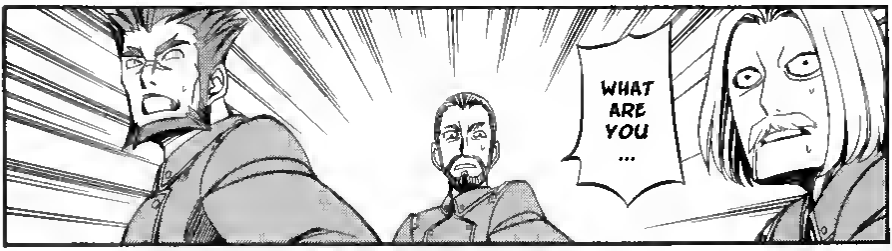
IMPOS-SIDLE!!
BAD NEWS SIR! THE DOLLS IN THE KEEP ARE GOING BERSERK...
THEIR FUNCTIONS SHOULD HAVE BEEN SHUT OFF FOR THE EXECUTION!
I DON'T GET IT EITHER! BUT THEY'RE RUNNING RAMPANT
WHAT'S HAPPENING!?
UWA AAA!!! STAY AWAY FROM ME!!
MY MY... BAD THINGS DO HAPPEN ...

LET'S
RESUME OUR NEGOTIA-TIONS.


WHAT ARE YOU ...

JU... JUST WHAT'S HAPPENING ...?

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IS MADAM SAFE ...?
SCARY!!
SCARY!!
DEUS!
EH? THE DOOR'S STUCK...
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I MUST GO...!!
NO!! WHAT DID I COME ALONG FOR ...!?
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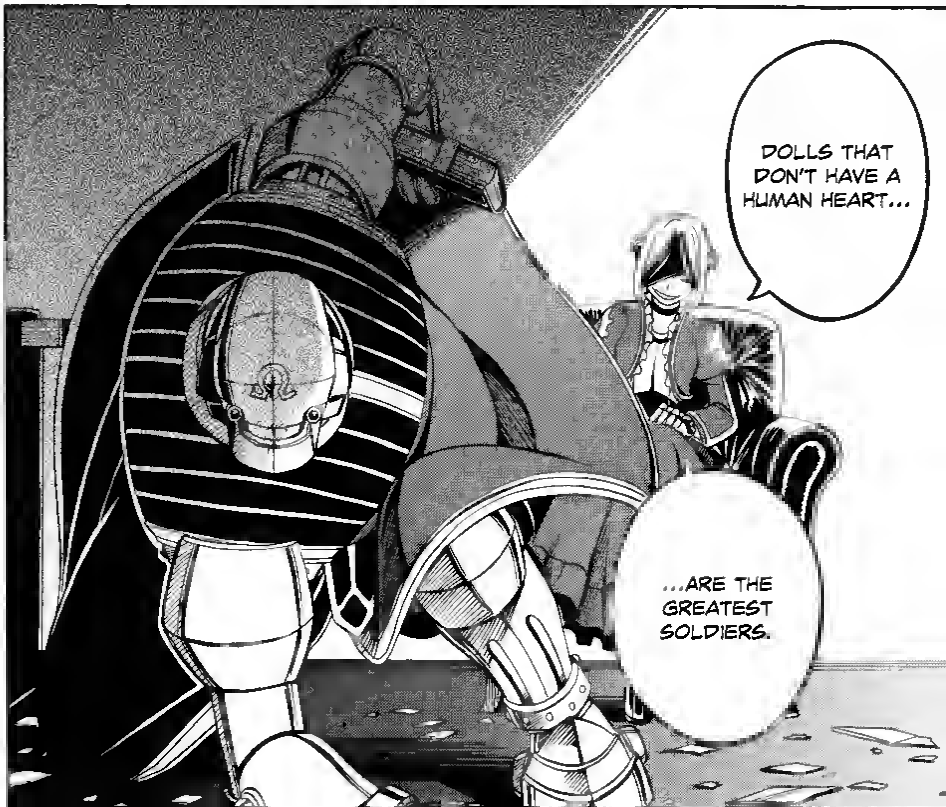
DAMN IT'S NOISY UP THERE.
DON'T MIND THAT. JUST STAY HERE.
SOMEONE HAS TO STAY HERE AND LOOK OUT DURING THE MEETING.
ESPECIALLY FOR THE THING WITH WEIRD POWERS.
WHAT'S THAT?

STAND UP! PUT YOUR HANDS ON YOUR HEAD!!
.....MM?
HOW RUDE OF YOU.
THAT'S MY LINE, THOUGH I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING.

TAKE A LOOK OUTSIDE.
YOU'RE WRONG, COLONEL.
YOU ARE AS DANGEROUS AS I EXPECTED.
CAN'T LAY A FINGER ON THESE UNDEAD CORPS.
EVEN THE SOLDIERS THAT TRAIN VERY HARD EVERYDAY,
THEY DON'T FEAR DEATH, NOR DO THEY HESITATE TO KILL.
THIS IS PURE STRENGTH.
QUANTITY? STRATEGY? I'M AFRAID NOT.

HENCE INVINCIBLE.


DOLLS THAT DON'T HAVE A HUMAN HEART...
...ARE THE GREATEST SOLDIERS.

WHERE DO YOU PLAN TO GO?
EVERYONE GET OUT OF THIS ROOM! HURRY!
DID IT TOOK OUT THE GUARDS !?
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ARE WE TOO LATE...
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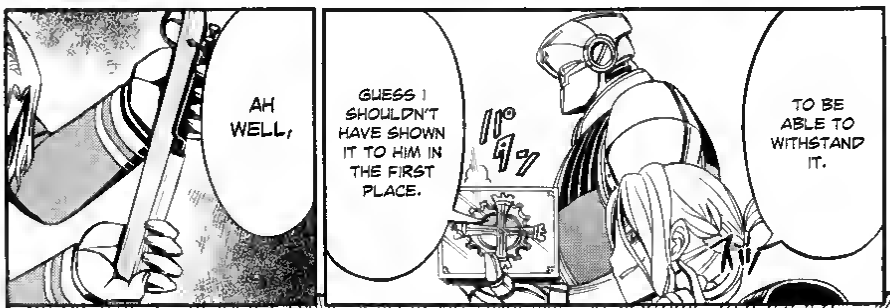
AH WELL,
GUESS I SHOULDN'T HAVE SHOWN IT TO HIM IN THE FIRST PLACE.
TO BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND IT.

TIME FOR PUNISHMENTS.

DAMN VELVET!
KU... GUESS THEY CAUGHT UP...!!
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IF YOU CAN'T BE CONTROLLED, GUESS YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO DIE.
THIS IS THE END, COLONEL.
THE WAR IS ALREADY OVER!!
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO?
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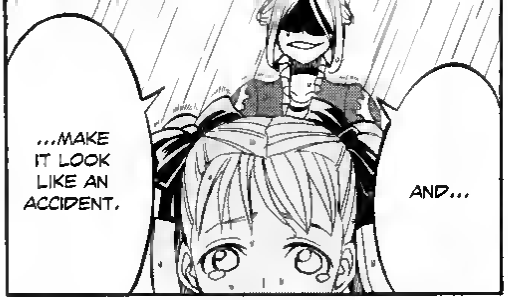
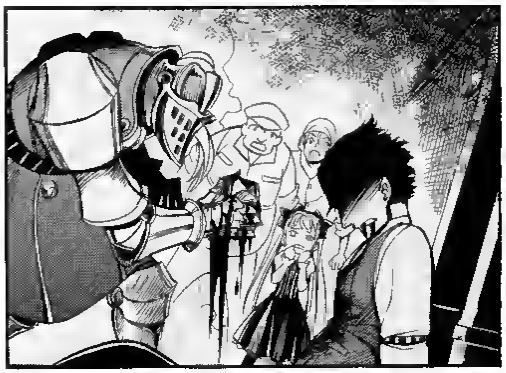
WHY DIDN'T WE RULE OVER THEM WHEN WE HAD THE POWER?
THE RIGHT TO RULE OVER HUMANS BEFALLS ON THOSE WHO HAVE POWER!!
IF IT'S OVER THEN I'LL JUST HAVE TO RESTART IT.
WHAT !?
I THOUGHT ABOUT THIS.
WHILE HAVING OVERWHELMING WEALTH AND POWER IN THE PREVIOUS WAR,
THIS COUNTRY IS NOW HAVING A FINANCIAL CRISIS FOR GIVING IN TO STUPID PHILOSOPHIES FROM THE IDIOTIC CITIZENS.
HOW FOOLISH.

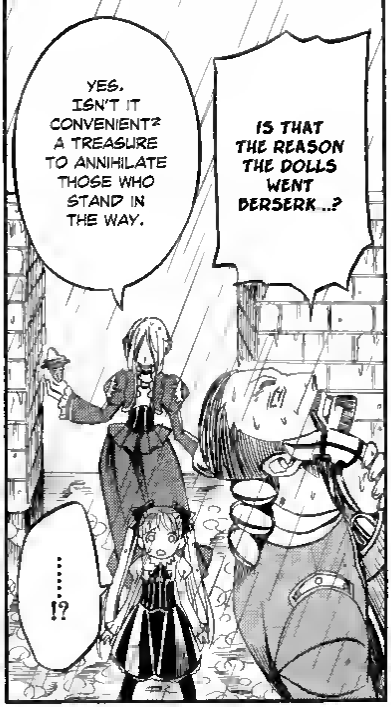
THEY SAY I'VE BEEN RAISED BADLY.
BUT I TAKE THAT AS A COMPLIMENT.
BEFORE YOU DIE, LET ME SHOW YOU...
THE FIRST STEP OF MY GRAND PLAN TOWARDS...
LIMITLESS CONTROL !!
TREMBLE, AND
FEEL IT WITH YOUR OWN BODY!!

DEUS !!
AH ...?
STOP... STOP IT !!
YOU ARE NOT A BAD PERSON ...!!
STOP SAYING THAT IT'S NORMAL TO DESTROY,
BECAUSE YOU'RE...
AN IMPORTANT FRIEND.

SO THAT'S A CLOCK-WORKER ...
"THE CLOCK POINTING TO 13"
THAT'S WHAT I CALL THIS THING.
HE'S JUST A DOLL.
IT'S USELESS. YOUR TINY VOICE WON'T BE ABLE TO REACH HIM.
IF DEUS HAS THE POWER TO CONTROL HUMANS,
THEN THIS HAS THE POWER TO CONTROL THE DOLLS.
IT ANALYSES THE DOLLS' CIRCUITS, INTERCEPTS AND REGULATE THEM.
IT'S SOMETHING THE EXEQUIA FAMILY INVENTED AND KEPT SECRETLY.


...MAKE IT LOOK LIKE AN ACCIDENT.
AND...




YES. ISN'T IT CONVENIENT? A TREASURE TO ANNIHILATE THOSE WHO STAND IN THE WAY.
IS THAT THE REASON THE DOLLS WENT BERSERK..?
.....!?

WHAT A FOOLISH MAN HE WAS.
TO NOT UNDERSTAND MY SIMPLE LOGIC

HE COULD'VE LIVED HAD HE LISTENED TO WHAT I SAID.
GOING INTO RETIREMENT BECAUSE OF HIS COWARDICE.
HE NEEDN'T HAVE TO LEAVE THE DAUGHTER HE LOVED.
HE COULD'VE LIVED HAPPILY WITH HIS FAMILY.

STOP IT...
THE ESSENCE OF CLOCK-WORKERS.
IT'LL BE YOUR TURN LATER SO SEE FOR YOURSELF.
BUT WORRY NOT, WITH DEUS' POWER EVEN YOU CAN LIVE HAPPILY.
STOP IT...
GUA !!

STOP IT!!
Stop... it...?
...why... are you...
...crying...?

Is it because I'm listening to her orders...?
.....No....
....No.....!!
IT'S SO SAD...
THAT THEY HAVE TO BE DESTROYED ....

UOOOOOOHHH!!!
DEUS!
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WHAT!?

DEUS !?
DEUS KEEP IT TOGETHER!
Lady... Makina...
...I don't understand anything about sadness
However
somehow
I don't want to see you being sad!!
Am I being weird ...
NO,
IT'S OK... IT'S OK...

DON'T FUCK WITH ME!!
WHY DOES THINGS NEVER GO MY WAY !!??
EVERY-ONE JUST TALKS LIKE THAT !!
SHUT UP!!
Please stop Lady Velvet!!
HOW DARE YOU DO THAT, YOU HEARTLESS CLOCK-WORKER!!
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BREAKING THE CLOCK'S CONTROL? I REFUSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT.
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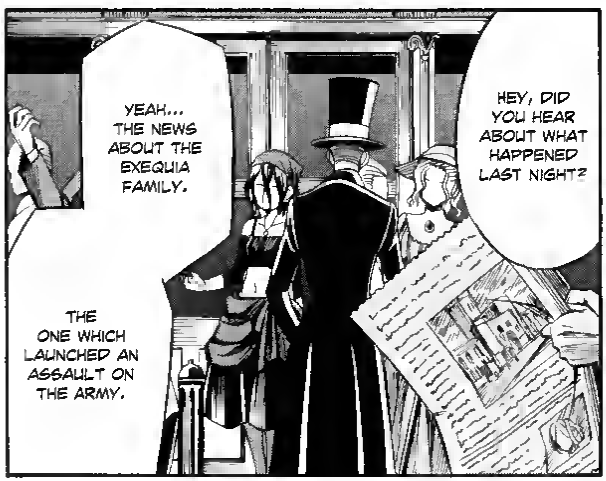
IS THIS HER DOING !?
IT'S HER FAULT, ISN'T IT?
Lady Velvet ...
OUT OF THE WAY, DEUS!! OTHER-WISE...
I'LL KILL THE BOTH OF YOU!!

EH?
Lady Makina, please close your ears
By the Bible of Gospel, Chapter 12, "People hurt themselves through their own means."
I'm sure you understand this line well
ARE YOU TRYING TO GO AGAINST ME...?
YOU, WHO CAN'T DECIDE ANYTHING BY YOURSELF!
I can
I...

I will protect this person with my powers!!
YOU SCRAP METAL !!


HEY, DID YOU HEAR ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT?
YEAH... THE NEWS ABOUT THE EXEQUIA FAMILY.
THE ONE WHICH LAUNCHED AN ASSAULT ON THE ARMY.

THE GOVERNMENT EVEN CONFISCATED ALL THEIR FINANCIAL PROPERTIES FOR SUSPICION OF TREASON.
WHATEVER IT IS, THAT FAMILY IS NO MORE.
WELL, SHE WAS UP AGAINST THE ARMY AFTERALL.
APPARENTLY THE HEAD OF THE HOUSE DIED.
THAT'S NOT IT. APPARENTLY SHE SHOT HERSELF IN THE CHEST.
LET'S HOPE THAT THIS BRINGS PEACE TO THIS COUNTRY, EVEN FOR A LITTLE.
I DON'T THINK WE'LL MEET AGAIN.
I OWE YOU MY GRATITUDE IN THIS, BUT THIS IS ALL I CAN DO TO HELP.
I THINK IT'LL BE BETTER IF YOU STAY AWAY FROM YOUR HOUSE, NO, THE STREETS TOO.
AFTER WHAT HAPPENED IT'S HARD TO THINK THAT THE ARMY WILL LEAVE YOU OUT OF THIS.

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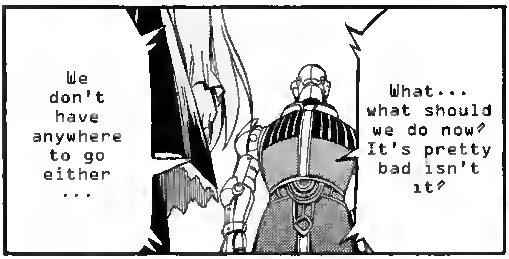
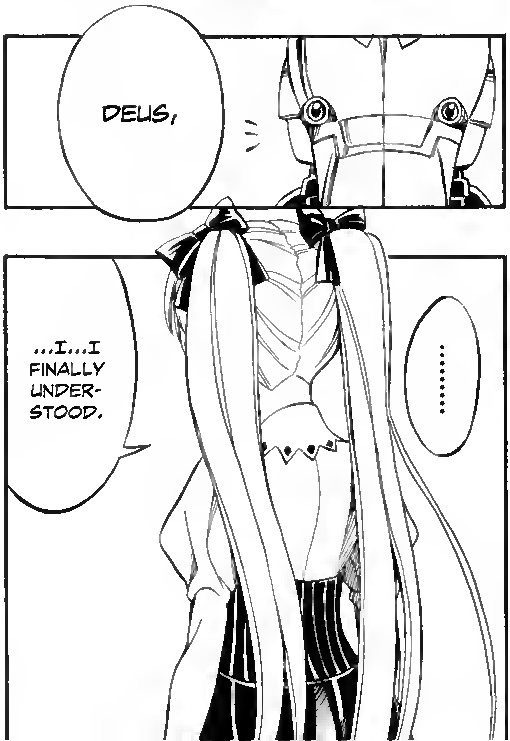

What... what should we do now? It's pretty bad isn't it?
We don't have anywhere to go either ...


DEUS,
...I...I FINALLY UNDER-STOOD.
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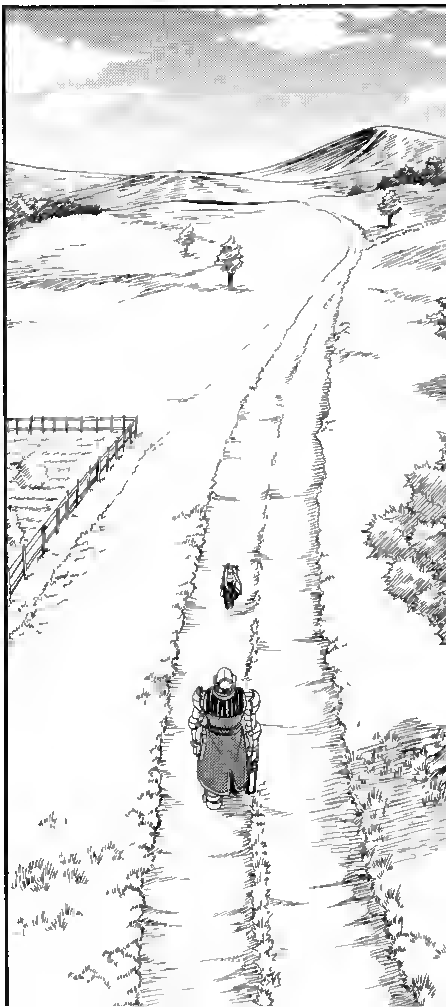
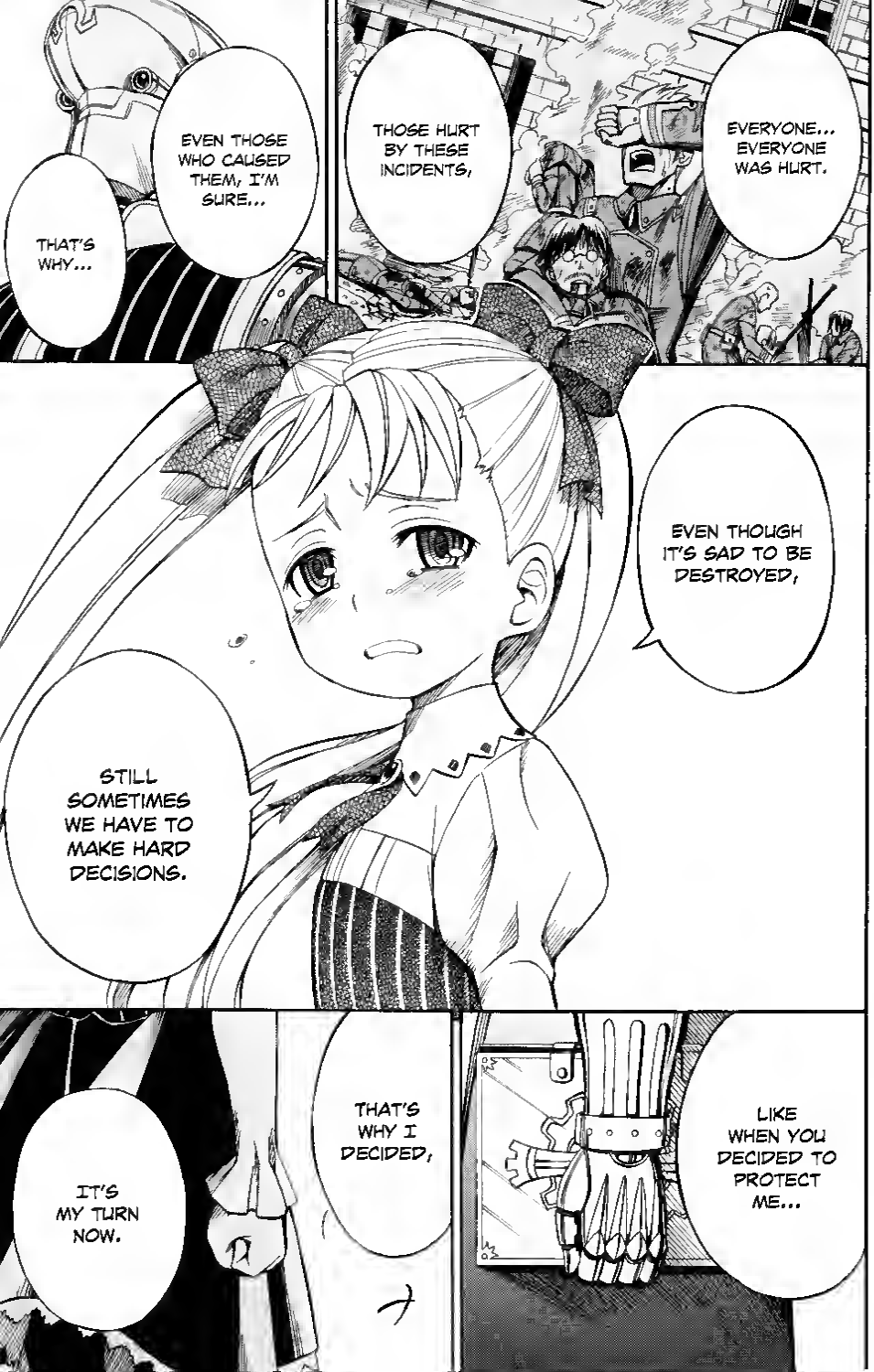
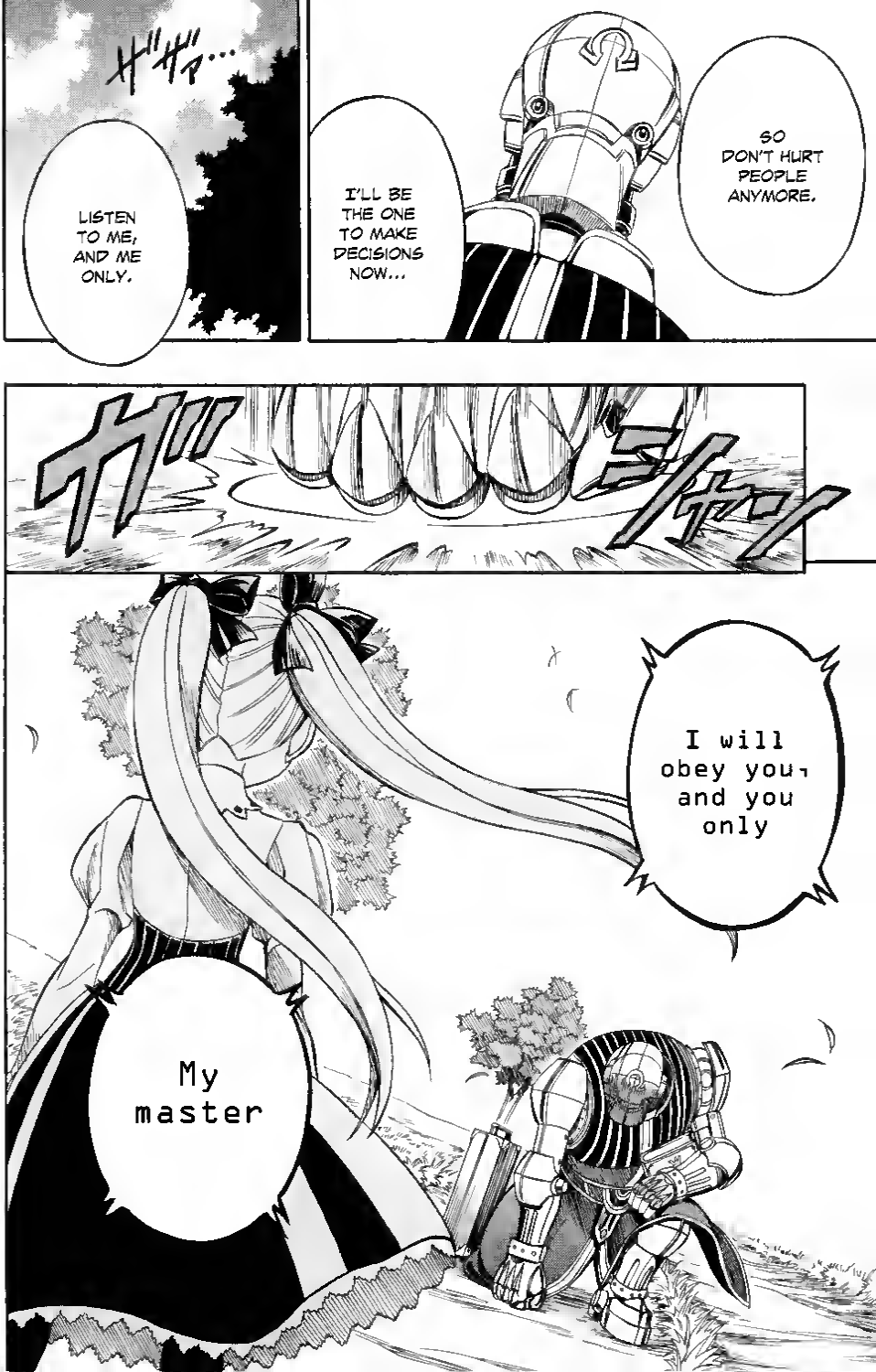
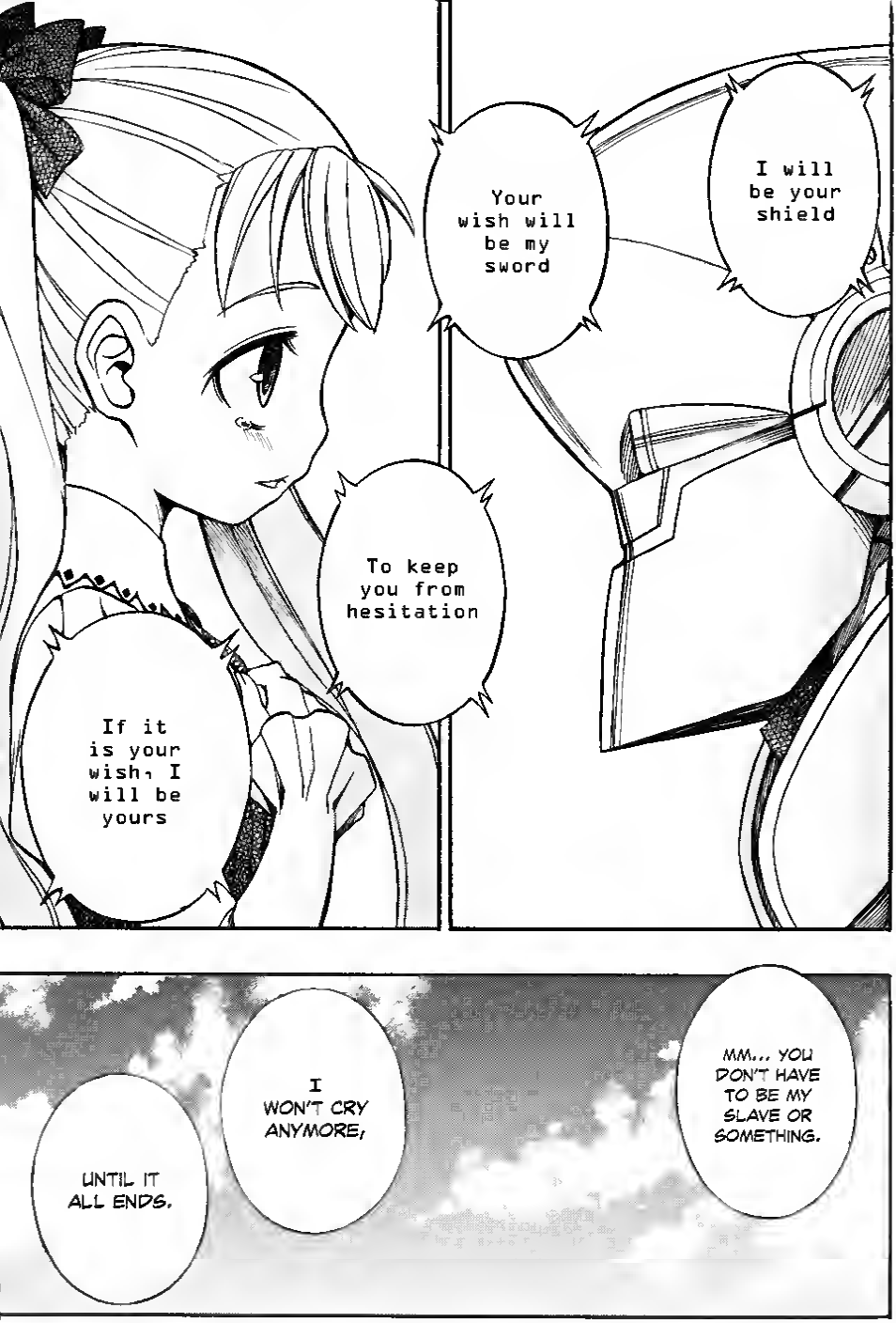
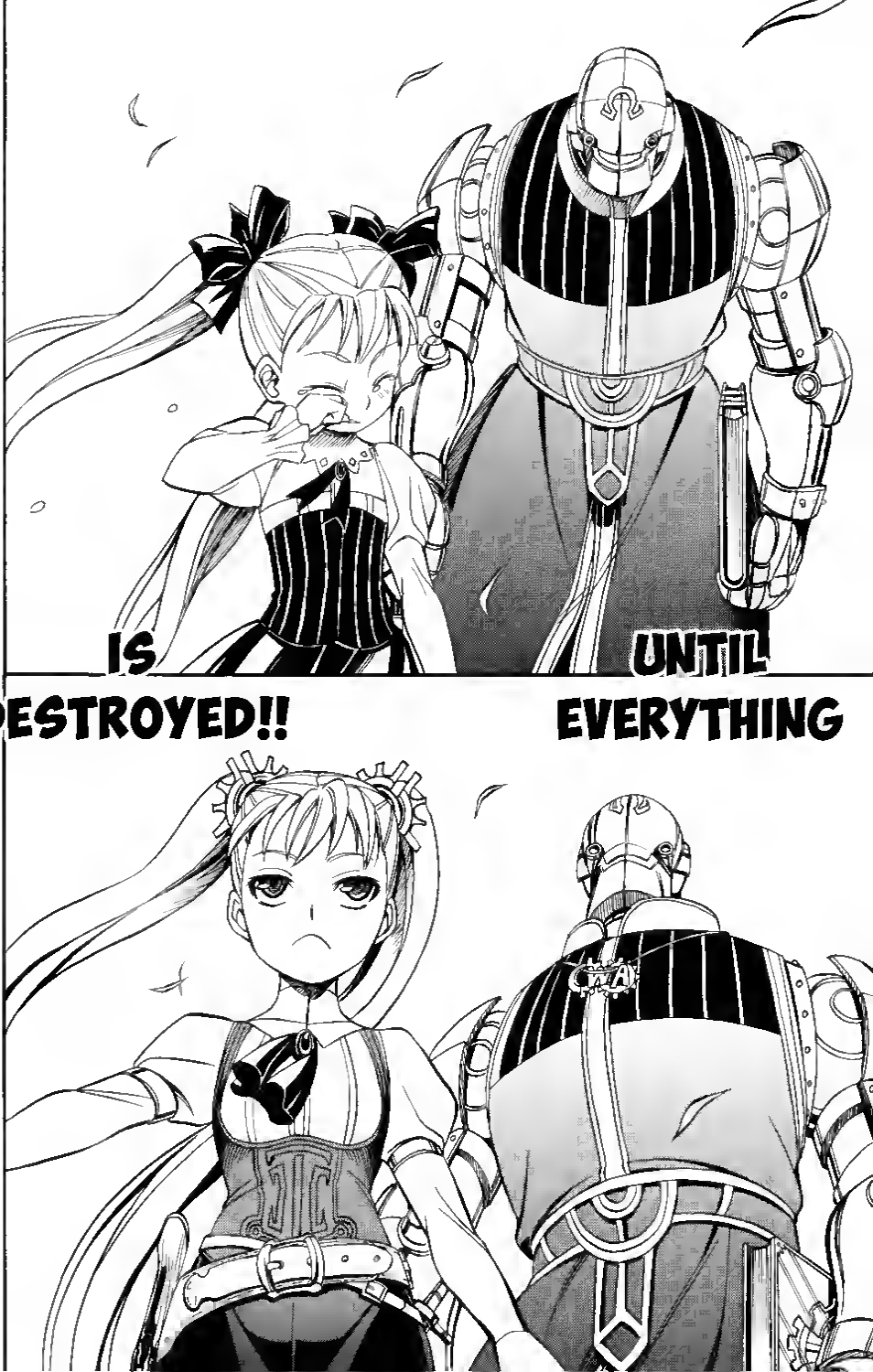



EVERYONE... EVERYONE WAS HURT.
THOSE HURT BY THESE INCIDENTS,
EVEN THOSE WHO CAUSED THEM, I'M SURE...
THAT'S WHY...
EVEN THOUGH IT'S SAD TO BE DESTROYED,
STILL SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO MAKE HARD DECISIONS.
LIKE WHEN YOU DECIDED TO PROTECT ME...
THAT'S WHY I DECIDED,
IT'S MY TURN NOW.


LISTEN TO ME, AND ME ONLY.
I'LL BE THE ONE TO MAKE DECISIONS NOW...
SO DON'T HURT PEOPLE ANYMORE.
I will obey you, and you only
My master


Your wish will be my sword
I will be your shield
To keep you from hesitation
If it is your wish, I will be yours
MM... YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE MY SLAVE OR SOMETHING.
I WON'T CRY ANYMORE,
UNTIL IT ALL ENDS.


IS
UNTIL
DESTROYED!!
EVERYTHING

BEFORE YOU'VE BEEN CREATED.
...IT'S BEEN 9 LONG YEARS.
SINCE HE COULDN'T BE SURE HOW MANY PEOPLE WAS UNDER VELVET'S "CONTROL"
SO HE PLACED HIS TRUST ON NO ONE BUT HIMSELF.
TO PREVENT IT FROM BEING HANDED OVER TO ANYONE.
SINCE THEN COLONEL PROTECTED THAT ALL BY HIMSELF
ME? FUFU... I WONDER
... WILL, WHAT ABOUT YOU...

I NEED IT TO MOVE THOSE TWO.
I'LL BE BORROWING THIS.
THIS IS...
THAT DAMNED COLONEL. HE RETRIEVED IT AFTER ALL...
My wish is to answer to those who wish for it
As you wish
A GIFT FROM VELVET.

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